(t>) whether it was unanimously agreed to use electronic voting machines in all the future elections and also to issue multi-purpose identity cards to all voters in the country; and

(c) if so, the estimated expenditure involved in getting electronic voting machines and to issue identity cards?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The consensus in the meeting was in favour of use of electronic voting machines at future elections. No decision was, however, taken in regard to issue of multi-purpose identity cards to voters in the country.

(c) It is estimated that a total number of 6 lakh machines will be required to cover all parliamentary constituencies in the country. The Election Commission has already procured 1. 5 lakh machines at the cost of Rs. 75 crores and the remaining 4. 5 lakh machines are estimated to cost about Rs. 225 crores.

इस्पात नीति का उदारीकरण

*117. डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच हैं कि इस्पात विभाग ने इस्पात नीति को और उदार बनाने के लिए कतिपय सुझाव दिये हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या और सरकार द्वारा उन पर क्या निर्णय लिया गया है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री अशोक कुमार सेन) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने गौण इस्पात क्षेत्र की उन इकाइयों जिनकी क्षमता 10 लाख मी० टन प्रति इकाई है और जो ई०ए०एफ०/ऊर्जा इष्टमीकरण प्रौद्योगिक पर आधारित हैं, के लिए अनेक उदार उपाय किए हैं जैसे कि आधुनिकीकरण विस्तार के लिए विद्यमान इकाइयों को अनुमति देना, अग्रगामी और पश्चगामी एकीकरण के लिए सुविधा स्थापित करने और इस्पात तैयार करने के लिए अतिरिक्त क्षमता सृजित करना ।

Export of iron ore

*118. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether considerable amount of high grade iron ore continues to be exported from Bailadila and other mines for want ol adequate steel production capacity;

(b) whether large quantities of finished steel are being imported;

(c) if so, the quantum and value in foregin exchange of iron ore exported during 1988, 1989 and 1990 so far;

(d) what additional steel production capacity is proposed to be installed in the country during the Eighth Plan psriod; and

(e) whether Government contemplate to make value added exports in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) India has been exporting high grade iron ore from the Bailadila and other mines after meeting the requirements of the indigenous steel industry.

(b) On an average, about 1. 5 MT of finished steel is imported per annum.